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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN DEMARCHE TO IRANIANS URGING THE RELEASE  
OF DETAINED AMERICAN, MS SABERI

REF: A. A. STATE 30046  
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asons 1.4 (b) and (d)

11. (S/NF) Further to Ref B, April 2, Hugh Jeffry, Director  
of Iran Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
told Poloff that, in response to Ref A request, the GOA had  
delivered a message to the Iranian ambassador, Mahmoud  
Movahhedi, in Canberra requesting the freeing of the American  
citizen, Ms Roxana Saberi, for humanitarian reasons.

12. (S/NF) Ambassador Movahhedi accepted the message and  
promised to return a formal response in the coming days. He  
also mentioned that he had been informed by Tehran that Ms  
Saberi was to be visited in prison by her parents on  
April 2. The Iranian response will be provided septel.

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